



Mar Vista Community Council



Homeless Issues Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 19, 2018 6:30-7:45PM
Mar Vista Branch Library
12006 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90066

AGENDA

1. Call to order and welcome.
2. Approval of last meeting's Minutes.
3. Public Comment (2 minutes per person).
4. Follow-up report from August 13 Globe, Tuller, and Sawtelle neighborhood meeting regarding the homeless encampment at Venice Blvd. under the 405. Discussion of responses from City officials and LAPD.
5. Update on creation of a Neighborhood Watch for the Globe, Tuller and Sawtelle neighborhood (the GTS Crime and Grime Busters) to better communicate and coordinate efforts between the stake-holders and LAPD to mitigate homeless related issues and concerns.
 - a. Compilation of neighborhood family and business contact information for organizing and communication for Neighborhood Watch.
 - b. Circulation of a petition to gate off the alley between Globe and Tuller.
 - c. Circulation of a petition to LAPD for stepped up enforcement of any crimes committed by the homeless in the community, including misdemeanors (drug use, drug sales, stolen property, threatening behavior, etc.)
 - d. Circulation of a petition to LA County Superior Court judges who handle any criminal or misdemeanor cases for the Mar Vista homeless community to include stay away orders and drug treatment (as established by California proposition 26 - Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000) as conditions of probation for these offenses.
6. Discussion of public health issues - rodent problems, trash, syringes, feces, etc. and how to report to the LA County Dept. of Public Health.
7. MOTION - The MVCC HIC would like consideration of establishment of Safe Parking LA at the Mar Vista Library for homeless vehicle dwellers implemented as part of the Safe Parking LA program.
8. MOTION - The MVCC HIC requests the MVCC to subsidize to cost of Neighborhood Watch signs of up to \$500 for the GTS neighborhood.
9. MOTION - MVCC HIC requests MVCC to endorse a letter to LAPD suggesting more community and homeless engagement to address the concerns of stakeholders regarding the homeless in the community, specifically, but not limited to, the

encampment at the 405 and Venice Blvd.

- a. Request for formal answers, in writing, to the questions posed at the August 13, 2018 GTS meeting. This request has been overlooked for 4 months now.
 - b. Request for stepped up enforcement for possession and/or sale of controlled substances (amphetamines, cocaine, crack, heroin, opiates, ketamine, ecstasy, etc.) result in the arrest of the offending individual for prosecution under California Health and Safety Codes 11350, 11351, 11377, 11378.
 - c. Request for officers to walk Venice Blvd. and nearby streets (Globe and Tuller) at least twice daily, not only to observe and familiarize LAPD with the individuals living under the bridge, but also engagement with local residents (when residents are outdoors) regarding their concerns.
 - d. Request that Officer Acosta or Officer Ceja accompany a local resident(s) and representative(s) of the HIC (many residents will not open their doors or need a Spanish speaker to translate) on a door to door survey of neighbors to gather resident information for compilation of a comprehensive Neighborhood Watch list.
 - e. Notification to MVCC HIC and GTS Neighborhood Watch when arrests are made of any homeless in the Mar Vista area and for what offenses.
 - f. Request LAPD representation at the HIC monthly meeting (third Wednesday of each month, 6:30-7:45 at the MV Library for regular updates.
 - g. Request that a HOPE team (Homeless Outreach Proactive Engagement) team be located at Pacific Division and staffed full-time.
 - h. Request LAPD provide a written response to this letter.
 - i. A copy of this letter be distributed to Mike Bonin's, Paul Koretz's, Mark Ridley Thomas', Sheila Kuehl's and Mayor Garcetti's office for notification and request for response.
10. Discussion of creation of an Incident Report website (and app) for stakeholders to log into when they witness objectionable behavior, unsafe conditions, or crime in the community. Appeal for person(s) capable of helping to design and implement this project.
 11. Discussion of creation of a "boulder" or rock garden that can be installed under the bridge at Venice Blvd. and the 405 to narrow the pedestrian right-of-way. Appeal for volunteer(s) to research and design.
 12. Appeal for a volunteer to acquire artwork (from the City) for Healthy Streets and 85.02 posters and arrange printing and distribution/posting to encampment and vehicle dwelling areas around Mar Vista.
 13. Appeal for a volunteer to be digital coordinator/information officer for the HIC to assist with agendas, postings, social media, outreach, etc. including an update of the MVCC HIC Homeless Resource Guide.
 14. Appeal for a volunteer to take notes and prepare minutes for the HIC meetings.

15. Second round of public comment HIC.
16. Adjournment - (7:45 - library closes at 8:00)

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